

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on January 3, 2007.

Claim 8 is cancelled, and no claims are added or amended; as a result, claims 1-7 and 9-16 remain pending in this application.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 8 is cancelled.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 USC § 102(a) as being anticipated by Redl et al. (U.S. 6,064,187).

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 USC § 102(a) as being anticipated by Rincon-Mora et al. (U.S. 6,188,211).

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 USC § 102(a) as being anticipated by the acknowledged prior art (Figures 1 and 2).

Claim 8 is cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-7 and 9-16 were allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 349-9581 to facilitate prosecution of this application.


If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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